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**(54) COSMETIC AND/OR DERMATOLOGICAL POWDER COMPOSITION BASED ON ASCORBIC ACID**

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain the subject composition capable of be stored for a several years before use and developing good foaming property when used and comfortably using to the skin by including fine-powder-like ascorbic acid, starch and an anionic surfactant.

SOLUTION: This composition comprises (A) fine powder-like ascorbic acid, (B) starch and (C) at least one anionic surfactant. Furthermore, the composition has powdery form (e.g. a form of finely divided solid particles having 50-600  $\mu\text{m}$  average particle size). The component A is preferably contained in an amount of 0.1-20 wt.% based on total weight of the composition. The component B is a modified starch, especially crosslinked starch crosslinked with octenyl succinic anhydride and is preferably contained in an amount of 10-90 wt.% based on total weight of the composition. The component C includes preferably a salt (especially preferably alkaline salt) of a compound such as alkylsulfate. The composition can be expected to use for cleansing and/or treating the face and the body skin.

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